

**SPORTS FIRE RANGE
(Privately Owned Weapon Use)
FIRING ORDERS**

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MEMORANDUM FOR USERS OF FRA TRAINING FACILITIES

SUBJECT: Firing Orders for Sports Fire Range, Privately Owned Weapon (POW)

1. PURPOSE: This SOP outlines measures designed to ensure a safe environment in which to operate the Sports Fire Range for POW use. Grid Coordinates: UN59189554.

2. APPLICABILITY: This SOP applies to all personnel that utilize the Sports Fire Range. Submit changes to this SOP to the Range Facility Manager.

3. GENERAL: Use of the Sports Fire Range is a privilege. Personnel that utilize the range will conduct themselves accordingly. Failure to follow instructions contained in this SOP could result in the withdrawal of privileges by the Range Facility Manager at any time, for any length of time.

a. Personnel that utilize the Sports Fire Range will do so at their own risk and will relinquish all rights of claim against the United States Government.

b. All authorized personnel must attend a Sports Fire Range safety briefing and receive a Range Safety Certification card from Range Control prior to utilization of the Range. Minor family members must be escorted and supervised by a safety certified sponsor.

4. LOCATION: The Sports Fire Range is located in the Small Arms Complex at Fort Richardson, Alaska. It is co-located with the Zero Annex Range and Identified by a sign labeled "Sports Fire Range". The range has 15 firing points with target holders at varying distances. The range also has a latrine. A radio is issued with the range packet for emergency use, opening and closing the range, and hourly radio checks with Range Control.

5. AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL:

a. The following personnel are authorized use of the range:

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- 1) Active Military.
- 2) Retired Military.
- 3) National Guard and/or Reserve.
- 4) Department of Defense Civilians.
- 5) Immediate Family Members (Dependents) of the above authorized personnel.

b. Prior to using the Sports Fire Range, authorized sponsors and their dependents above the age of 18 must be certified. Attain certification by attending the range safety briefing at Range Control. Briefings are conducted weekdays at 1630hrs, and weekends at 1030hrs.

c. Certification cards are not issued to minor dependents. When using the Sports Fire Range minor dependents must be accompanied and supervised by the certified sponsor.

NOTE: Guests (other than sponsors with family members) NOT authorized to fire on Sports Fire Range, may observe firing from behind the firing line. Exceptions to guests firing may be authorized by the Range Facility Manager on a case by case basis.

6. CERTIFICATION:

a. Individuals must be certified and issued a Sports Fire Range Card prior to using the Sports Fire Range.

b. Attain certification by attending the Range Briefing and being issued a Sports Fire Range Card. Only personnel authorized to use the Sports Fire Range will be certified.

c. The card is valid for three (3) years from date of issue.

d. Individuals must show proof of authorization prior to certification.

e. Minor dependents will not be issued Sports Fire Range Cards and must be accompanied and supervised by their certified sponsor.

f. Individuals must have a Sports Fire Range Certification Card in their possession when using the Sports Fire Range. Show card upon request of Range Control Inspectors or the person in charge of the Sports Fire Range.

7. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

a. The Sports Fire Range has specific procedures for proper operation and safety. It is the responsibility of each qualified person to review these procedures prior to opening the range.

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b. **SIGNING FOR THE RANGE:** Prior to opening the Sports Fire Range individuals must report to Range Control to sign for the range and range packet or receive a range pass from Range Control. The range packet will contain the following items;

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| 1) Range Flag | 1 ea. |
| 2) Staple Guns | 2 ea. with staples |
| 3) First Aid Kit | 1 ea. |
| 4) Ear Plugs | 1 pkg. |
| 5) Range SOP | 1 ea. |
| 6) Brick Radio | 1 ea. |

c. **OPENING THE RANGE:** Upon arrival at the range the following steps will be taken by the individual that signed for the range;

- 1) Inventory all equipment.
- 2) Put up Range Flag.
- 3) Request permission to open the range. At this time the following information will be furnished to the Range Control RTO:

- a) Name and SSN of individual opening the Range.
- b) Number of personnel on the range.
- c) Any damaged or missing equipment.

d. HOURS OF OPERATION:

1) Summer Months (May-Sep): Monday thru Friday 0900-2100, Saturday thru Sunday 1000-1700.

2) Winter Months (Oct-Apr): Daily 1000-1700 or Sunrise to Sunset (if it falls within the daily time schedule)

3) Winter hours, will be from sunrise to sunset on dates when that time frame falls within the regular hours of operation. If military training conflicts with the use of the Sports Fire Range, military training will take precedence and the Sports Fire Range will not be available. Personnel desiring to use the range should call Range Control to verify availability of the Sports Fire Range.

4) Closed on all Training and National Holidays.

5) Range Control may not be manned on Sundays when there is no scheduled unit training.

8. RANGE OPERATIONS:

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6) When the firing line is ready the person in charge will give the command to commence firing.

9. RESTRICTIONS: The Off Duty Range is a privilege and can be revoked at any time for any length of time. It is the responsibility of all individuals using the range to ensure they are familiar with all procedures in this SOP.

a. There will be no drugs to include alcohol on the range. Any person determined to be under the influence of alcohol or other drugs will not be allowed on the range.

b. Use of automatic weapons is not authorized on the Sports Fire range.

c. Trap and Skeet will not be shot on the Sports Fire Range.

d. Archery is not allowed on the Sports Fire Range.

e. Wildlife will not be harassed or shot at. If animals wander onto the range, go into an immediate check fire and notify Range Control of the type and number of animals on the range.

f. Low flying aircraft require an immediate check fire until the aircraft clears the controlled firing area.

g. The following is the minimum visibility distance necessary to open the Sports Fire Range;

WEAPON	HORIZONTAL DISTANCE	VERTICAL CEILING
Pistols	6 miles	1400 ft. AGL
Rifles	6 miles	3400 ft. AGL
Shotgun	6 miles	600 ft. AGL

h. Fireworks or pyrotechnics will not be used on the Sports Fire Range.

i. Guests (other than sponsors with dependents) are NOT authorized to fire on the range. However, they may observe from behind the firing line.

j. Only authorized targets will be used. Cans, bottles, and other objects will not be used as targets.

10. EMERGENCY NUMBERS:

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| a. Military Police Desk | 384-0823 |
| b. Range Control | 384-6230/384-6233 |
| c. Emergency Number for Injury | 911 |

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a. The individual that signed for the range is in charge of and overall responsible for safe operation of the range. Further, he/she will ensure that;

1) No firing is conducted when visibility requirements for Controlled Firing Area cannot be met.

2) Downrange weapon effects are observed to ensure projectiles land within the prescribed range limits.

3) The proper targets are set up and down range.

4) No personnel or wildlife are down range.

5) Announce periodic check fires to permit personnel the opportunity to check targets.

6) All weapons are properly cleared prior to permitting personnel down range.

7) No weapons are being handled while personnel are down range.

8) No smoking on the firing line.

9) No running or horseplay on or around the firing line.

10) All personnel have hearing protection.

b. JOINT USE: The individual that signed for the range is the person in charge. The person in charge will ensure that all other individuals are properly qualified and have received a Sport Fire pass disk. (See Certification.)

1) Anyone observing an unsafe act can call a check fire. The person in charge will investigate unsafe acts. Immediately report unsafe acts to Range Control.

2) The command to resume firing will only be given by the person in charge.

3) Periodic check fires for checking targets will be announced by the person in charge.

4) The person in charge will ensure that all weapons are cleared and placed on the firing line tables prior to permitting personnel down range.

5) The person in charge will ensure that all personnel have returned to the firing line prior to allowing weapons to be handled at the firing line.

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NOTE: In the event of an injury or accident Range Control will be notified immediately. No one will leave the range until released by the MPs or Range Control in the event of a serious injury or incident.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Bryers", with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Michael F. Bryers
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